

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Jackie Prince, USEPA

FROM: Yee Cho, MA DEQE

DATE: June 12, 1985

RE: New Bedford Trip Report of June 5, 1985 to Files



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Thanks for a copy of your subject report. I have the following suggestions and changes to the report, as highlighted below:

West Side of the Acushnet River Estuary

- (2) Coffin St. Cove: (south side) Overgrown, industrial area, not easily accessible; fencing also not practicable due to lack of endpoints.
(north side) Playground abutting the estuary in residential area close to a well-traveled street; #1 area for fencing (approx. 150-200 yards between two existing buildings (Mutterpie (sp?) Co. and Mars More Value, and for sign posting.

(3) Side Streets/Company Driveways:

Coffin St.: open, but industrial, private area; emphasis on insuring limited access.

Cameo Curtain Co.: OK, NO SUGGESTED CHANGES.

Fiber Leather Co.: fence exists w/ gates, emphasis on closing gates on both sides.

✓ Howard Ave./River Street: no existing fence, a residential area adjacent to vacant and grassed land area that borders the shoreline; fencing may not be feasible without identifiable endpoints for fence; options need to be examined; need bilingual signs.

✓ Wood St. Bridge - North: easily accessible; need sampling to determine contamination levels.

East Side of the Acushnet River Estuary

✓these paths are upland of overgrown wetlands which are along the shore. This area does not readily lend itself to fencing....

Lawson Avenue:Baiting activity noted by parked van and conversation with driver. Possibly an area to post signs in both English and Portuguese.....

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Magnolia Ave.: private property; signs posted in area.

Recommendations (to supplement your 5/17/85 memo to MSH):

Priority #1: OK, NO SUGGESTED CHANGES

✓ Priority #2: Examine options to limit access to the Howard Ave/River St. area; it is a residential area and the vacant land area is adjacent to the shoreline; it can be an inviting area for children's play.

Priority #3: identified as Priority #2 in your memo.

Priority #4: identified as Priority #3 in your memo.

Priority #5: Requests to several companies along the western shore to keep their gates closed (& construct gates if needed) whenever possible, and always after normal business hours.

✓ Priority #6: Examine options for covering the exposed , highly contaminated shoreline mudflat area (e.g. with clean sediment, crushed stone and gravel, etc.), particularly in accessible areas in which fencing is not practicable.

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